

Notice of Allowability

Application No.

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Examiner

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Applicant(s)

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-- The MAILING DATE of this communication appears on the cover sheet with the correspondence address--

All claims being allowable, PROSECUTION ON THE MERITS IS (OR REMAINS) CLOSED in this application. If not included herewith (or previously mailed), a Notice of Allowance (PTOL-85) or other appropriate communication will be mailed in due course. **THIS NOTICE OF ALLOWABILITY IS NOT A GRANT OF PATENT RIGHTS.** This application is subject to withdrawal from issue at the initiative of the Office or upon petition by the applicant. See 37 CFR 1.313 and MPEP 1308.

1. ☒ This communication is responsive to application filed on January 8, 2004.
2. ☒ The allowed claim(s) is/are 1-9.
3. ☒ The drawings filed on 08 January 2004 are accepted by the Examiner.
4. ☐ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
 - a) ☐ All b) ☐ Some* c) ☐ None of the:
 1. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
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5. ☐ A SUBSTITUTE OATH OR DECLARATION must be submitted. Note the attached EXAMINER'S AMENDMENT or NOTICE OF INFORMAL PATENT APPLICATION (PTO-152) which gives reason(s) why the oath or declaration is deficient.
 6. ☐ CORRECTED DRAWINGS (as "replacement sheets") must be submitted.
 - (a) ☐ including changes required by the Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948) attached
 - 1) ☐ hereto or 2) ☐ to Paper No./Mail Date _____.
 - (b) ☐ including changes required by the attached Examiner's Amendment / Comment or in the Office action of Paper No./Mail Date _____.
- Identifying indicia such as the application number (see 37 CFR 1.84(c)) should be written on the drawings in the front (not the back) of each sheet. Replacement sheet(s) should be labeled as such in the header according to 37 CFR 1.121(d).
7. ☐ DEPOSIT OF and/or INFORMATION about the deposit of BIOLOGICAL MATERIAL must be submitted. Note the attached Examiner's comment regarding REQUIREMENT FOR THE DEPOSIT OF BIOLOGICAL MATERIAL.

Attachment(s)

1. ☒ Notice of References Cited (PTO-892)
2. ☐ Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948)
3. ☒ Information Disclosure Statements (PTO-1449 or PTO/SB/08),
Paper No./Mail Date January 8, 2004
4. ☐ Examiner's Comment Regarding Requirement for Deposit
of Biological Material
5. ☐ Notice of Informal Patent Application (PTO-152)
6. ☐ Interview Summary (PTO-413),
Paper No./Mail Date _____.
7. ☒ Examiner's Amendment/Comment
8. ☒ Examiner's Statement of Reasons for Allowance
9. ☐ Other _____.

DETAILED ACTION

EXAMINER'S AMENDMENT

1. An examiner's amendment to the record appears below. Should the changes and/or additions be unacceptable to applicant, an amendment may be filed as provided by 37 CFR 1.312. To ensure consideration of such an amendment, it MUST be submitted no later than the payment of the issue fee.

Authorization for this examiner's amendment was given in a telephone conversation with Eric Torbet on June 23, 2005.

Specification Amendment

2. The application has been amended as follows:

Page 6, delete first paragraph --- *"Placement of the rollers of the pintles...."* --- and insert ---

"Placement of the rollers forward of the pintles creates a double non-crossing class 1 lever arrangement. A class 1 lever is conventionally defined as a lever for which the points of effort and load are located on opposite sides of the fulcrum. Non-crossing signifies that the two lever arms do not cross at the fulcrum. Pintles 18 are the fulcrum, rollers 14 and 16 located forwardly of the pintles are the point of load, and the end sides of lever handles 10 and 12 located rearwardly of the pintles are the point of effort of the lever arrangement."

Page 8, first paragraph of section Preferred Embodiment, delete second sentence --- *"One way to achieve this..."* --- and insert ---

"One way to achieve this is for the user to apply opposing compressive force directed near the end sides of lever handles 10 and 12 located rearwardly of pintles 18."

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Page 11, first paragraph, delete last sentence --- "*As a final example...*" --- and insert ---

"As a final example, torsional springs 20 can be replaced by compression springs, provided they are placed on lever handles 10 and 12 rearwardly of pintles 18.

Reasons for Allowance

3. The following is an examiner's statement of reasons for allowance:

With respect to claim 1 and claims dependent thereon

In a device for squeezing collapsible tubes for a dispensing assembly including primary and secondary rollers, two opposed lever handles, handles forming a double non-crossing class 1 lever arrangement, means for rotatably attaching each roller to each lever handle, an actuating means and spring means for providing a torque which compels said lever handles to pivot in a direction which bears said rollers together with a force in combination with the other claimed limitations were not found or taught by the prior art.

Any comments considered necessary by applicant must be submitted no later than the payment of the issue fee and, to avoid processing delays, should preferably accompany the issue fee. Such submissions should be clearly labeled "Comments on Statement of Reasons for Allowance."

Conclusion

4. Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Navneet Sonia Khaira whose telephone number is 571-272-7142. The examiner can normally be reached on 8:30am-5:00pm.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Mar Y. Michael can be reached on 571-272-4906. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 571-272-7142.

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